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To: Supervisor Don Knabe, Chairman  
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From:  Philip L. Browning  
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**NOTIFICATION TO EXTEND 34 WRAPAROUND APPROACH SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR  
ADDITIONAL SIX MONTHS EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2014 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2015**

This is to notify the Board that I have used Board-delegated authority to execute a six-month extension to the contract term of 34 Wraparound Approach Services (Wraparound) contracts, effective November 1, 2014, through April 30, 2015.

Wraparound started in Los Angeles County in 1998 in MacLaren Hall as a 10-child pilot. The goal of Wraparound is to support youth and their families in achieving safety, permanency and well-being in their community with minimal formal support. In 2009, the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) implemented a two-tier enrollment process to reach youth who were previously ineligible for Wraparound but who had mental health needs that caused significant difficulties in school and in the community. Currently, under this two-tier process, there are approximately 2,366 children and youth enrolled Wraparound from DCFS and Probation: 820 enrolled in Tier I and 1,546 children/youth enrolled in Tier II as of July 2014.

Consistent with the State's Katie A. lawsuit settlement agreement and the County's historical trend toward improved identification and service for children and youth with mental health needs, the new Wraparound contract solicitation and in Wraparound redesign is an effort to more sharply focus Wraparound service delivery on better meeting the mental health needs of children and youth who could be described as Katie A. Subclass members. The recommended actions will allow the County of Los Angeles (County) to continue delivery of the Wraparound Services in compliance with the County's Katie A. Settlement Agreement and Katie A. Strategic Plan and to facilitate the completion of the solicitation process.

The estimated cost of the extension for Wraparound contracts is \$51,832,000, financed using 36 percent Federal Title IV-E funds, 33 percent State, and 31 percent net County cost. Funding is included in the Department's FY 2014-15 Adopted Budget.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call me or your staff may contact Aldo Marin, Board Liaison, at (213) 351-5530.

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